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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4237

AN ORDINANCE relating to false alarm fees charged by the City, and amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2474, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2843, and Section 9.16.040 of the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS, there has been a rapid increase in the numbers of false alarms since 1980, when the City's False Alarm Code was last updated, to which the City's commercial and residential growth has undoubtedly contributed; and

WHEREAS, the City's costs in police response to multiple false alarms continue to rise, and exceed revenues received from false alarm fees; and

WHEREAS, the false alarm fees charged by the City for multiple false alarms need to be raised to stimulate compliance and reduction in excessive false alarms, to reduce the disparity between existing low fees and City response costs, and to reduce the impact of noise from false alarms on neighborhoods; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2474 as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2843, and Section 9.16.040 of the Bellevue City Code (False Alarm Code) are each amended to read as follows:

9.16.040 Fees, Corrective Action, Disconnection

For police response to any false alarm, the City shall charge and collect from the person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm on premises owned or occupied by him fees as follows:

- A. For a response to premises at which no other false alarm has occurred within the preceding six-month period, hereinafter referred to as a "first response", no fee shall be charged.

Upon first response, notice of conditions and requirements of this chapter shall be given to the owner or occupant of the premises on which the false alarm occurred and upon which the burglary and/or robbery alarm is located.

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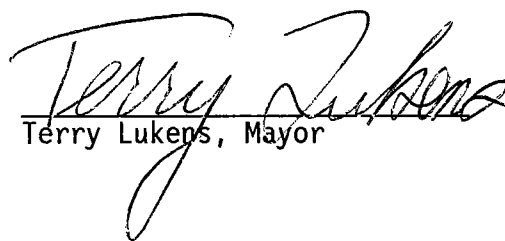
- B. For a second response to premises within six months after the first response, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged. The person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm shall, within five working days after notice to do so, make a written report to the Chief of Police on prescribed forms setting forth the cause of such false alarm, the corrective action taken, whether and when such alarm has been inspected by authorized service personnel, and such other information as the Chief of Police may reasonably require to determine the cause of such false alarm, any mitigating circumstances and corrective action necessary. The Chief of Police may direct the person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm to have authorized service personnel inspect the alarm at such premises and to take other corrective action as prescribed by the Chief of Police. All costs of inspection and corrective action shall be borne by the individual having or maintaining the alarm on said premises.
- C. For a third response to premises within six months after a second response, a fee of fifty dollars shall be charged, and if such third false alarm or any succeeding false alarm occurs as a result of failure to take necessary corrective action prescribed under subsection B of this section, the Chief of Police may order the person having or maintaining the burglary and/or robbery alarm to disconnect such alarm until the prescribed corrective action is taken and certification of such corrective action is provided to the Police Department, provided that no disconnection shall be ordered relative to any premises required by law to have an alarm system in operation.
- D. For a fourth response to premises within six months after the third response, and for all succeeding responses within six months of the last response, a fee of one hundred dollars shall be charged. The Chief of Police may also order disconnection as provided in Subsection C above.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect thirty days after final passage of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of May, 1991, and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of May, 1991.

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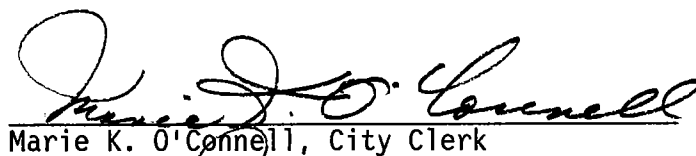

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